

4/12/81

Dear Jim,

Cole and his fellow dirtyworkers in the FBI are again ~~play~~ ^{playing} games in the matter of how much money the FBI spent in the King assassination investigation.

To make it look as though the information requested had been provided they wrote on what he sent you that it is unrecorded between serials 5471 and 5472. (Incidentally, this also means that a 44-38861 record need not be filed as one, for this one is intended for that file in the typing and is indexed for MURKIN filing, but in fact it is in another and not disclosed main file, hence is Not Recorded in MURKIN.)

This record gives only a few and the most minor cash costs and not all of them. It gives meaningless figures for manhours but no cash costs for it, the most significant information. It omits car uses, official and unofficial, and the mileage, which it has. And as the second pages makes explicit, Memphis knows the summary is limited by what had been sent to it by the field offices only.

At about the time of this record there was a boastful public statement that included what I seek, the overall costs, surely not a secret and surely information to which the country should have access.

They have it. They have not provided it. But they pulled their usual dirty stunt of making it appear that I already had what I seek.

Perhaps the reason is that they spent a fortune on a fugitive investigation but never investigated the crime itself.

Perhaps also they want to assure that accurate writing is impossible.

Sincerely,

FBI

Date: 12/13/68

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis 4/17/68 and MEairtel to Bureau 11/15/68.

The information set out hereafter is cumulative totals concerning the cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 4/4/68 to 11/30/68:

1) HOURS:	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Cumulative Total
A. Special Agents	96,644	27,336	123,980
B. Clerks	20,146	1,745	21,891
	116,790	29,081	145,871

2) MILEAGE TRAVELED BY BUCARS ON THIS MATTER: 474,393 miles.

3) UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-ORDINARY COSTS:

A. Per diem	\$6,708.00
B. Communications	4,182.03
C. Photography	1,884.68
D. Hotel Room Expense	59.48
E. Plane Fares	1012.00
F. Miscellaneous:	
Xeroxing	\$330.94
Xerox Paper and Supplies	14.25
Mailing Wanted Flyers to Laundries in U. S.	287.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	65.77
Confidential Item	19.50
Total Miscellaneous	717.46
Total unusual or out-of-ordinary costs	\$14,563.65

3 - Bureau

2 - Memphis

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNRECORDED SERIAL BETWEEN
 SERIALS 5471-5472

4) PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS ON THIS CASE: 3,075 Special Agents

It is noted that the above figures constitute only those costs known to the Memphis Division as reported through the Bureau's field divisions.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to authorize the Memphis Division to advise the Bureau's field divisions to discontinue submitting to the Memphis Division their respective monthly cost data in captioned matter and for the Memphis Division to discontinue the submission of these monthly reports. This request is being made since subject RAY is in State custody, his trial in State Court is now scheduled for March 1969, and it is not anticipated any additional Bureau investigation will be requested.

*R/s To SAC 12/16/68
telling him to dis-
continue reports
RLS*